# TOWN OF DAVIE TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM/PHONE:** Mark A. Kutney, AICP (797-1101)

**SUBJECT:** Quasi Judicial Hearing: Vacation of Utility Easement

Application No., Project Name and Location:

VA 12-1-01, Hector Belloso /Generally located on the south side of Nova Drive,

approximately 200' east of University Drive.

**AFFECTED DISTRICT:** District 2

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: VA 12-1-01, Hector Belloso, 7750 Nova Drive

### **REPORT IN BRIEF:**

On September 6, 1989, Town Council approved the University - Nova Plat reflecting a 12' utility easement running east and west through the center of Parcel "A" the subject plat. The applicant is now requesting the approval to vacate said utility easement in order to construct a commercial/retail building within Parcel "A".

The location of the subject easement together with the County improvement requirements and canal maintenance easements provide site design limitations which prohibits the applicant from complying with the Town's codes.

The vacation of the requested easements is not compromised as the site provides for a 10' and 12' utility easement around the perimeter of the site.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: None

### **CONCURRENCES:**

The Planning and Zoning Board recommend approval (Motion By: Ms. Moore, Seconded By: Vice-Chair Bender, 4-0, Mr. Waitkus absent) February 13, 2002 meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

**RECOMMENDATION(S):** Motion to approve

**Attachment(s):** Justification Letter, Survey, Sketch and Description, Plat, Land Use Map, Subject Site Map, and Aerial.

# **Prepared By:**

Geri A. Baluss Town of Davie 6591 Orange Drive Davie, FL 33314

# **Return To:**

Town Clerk's Office Town of Davie 6591 Orange Drive Davie, FL 33314

ORDINANCE	
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, VACATING A PORTION OF A TWELVE FOOT UTILITY EASEMENT WITHIN THE PROPERTY PLATTED AS "UNIVERSITY - NOVA PLAT"; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, a portion of a 12 foot utility easement located within the property platted as "University - Nova Plat" Plat book 148, Page 23 of the public records of Broward County, specifically described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto, was accepted as an utility easement; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Council to vacate and abandon a portion of such utility easement; and

WHEREAS, on the date of adoption of this ordinance Town Council did agree to such vacation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA.

<u>SECTION 1</u>. That a portion of a 12 foot utility easement located within the property platted as "University - Nova Plat", specifically described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is hereby vacated by the Town of Davie.

SECTION 2. All other easements and/or right-of-ways reflected on and located within the property described on Exhibit "A" are not vacated and shall be maintained in perpetuity.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Application #: VA 12-1-01 Revisions:

Exhibit "A"

Original Report Date: February 6, 2002

# TOWN OF DAVIE Development Services Department Planning & Zoning Division Staff Report and Recommendation

## **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Owner: Agent:

Name: Hector Belloso Associated Engineers of South

Florida, Inc.

Address: Avenue Washington #6 5450 Griffin Road

San Bernardino

City: Caracas, Venezuela Davie, FL 33314

**Phone:** (305) 757-7093 (954) 584-6880

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Notification Date: February 6, 2002 Number of Notifications: 40

**Application Request:** To vacate a portion of a 12 foot utility easement, approximately 325 feet in length and 3,909.48 square feet in area; within the platted area known as "University - Nova Plat" as recorded in Plat Book 148, Page 23 of the Broward County Records.

**Address/Location:** 7750 Nova Drive, Generally located on the south side of Nova Drive, approximately 200' east of University Drive.

Land Use Designation: Commercial

Existing Zoning: B-2 (Community Business District)

**Existing Use:** Vacant

Proposed Use: Commercial Retail Building

Parcel Size: .09 acre (3,909.48 square feet)

# **Surrounding Land Use:**

# **Land Use Designations:**

North: Nova Drive, Remax Building Commercial

South:Poinciana ApartmentsResidential (16 du/ac)East:Nova TownhomesResidential (10 du/ac)

West: Shell Gas Station Commercial

# **Surrounding Zoning:**

North: B-2, Community Business District and B-2 Old Code, Community Business District

**South:** RM-16, Medium High Density Dwelling District

East: RM-10, Medium Density Dwelling District

West: B-2, Community Business District

# **ZONING HISTORY**

Related Zoning History: None

<u>Previous Request on same property:</u> Town Council approved by Resolution No. 89-262 the University-Nova Plat at its September 6, 1989 meeting.

This plat was reviewed by Broward County Commission and recorded on March 26, 1991 in Plat Book 148, Page 23 of the public records of Broward County.

# **Summary of Significant Development Review Agency Comments**

The Engineering Department has reviewed the subject request and has recommended approval. The various utility companies which staff notifies of easement vacation requests have responded with letters of no objection..

# **Application Codes and Ordinances**

Land Development Code Section 12-310 requires that Town Council must review and approve vacations and abandonments by Ordinance.

# **Comprehensive Plan Considerations**

<u>Planning Area:</u> This property falls within Planning Area 8, this planning area is the "heart" of Davie, and is the most diverse, characterized by older, small-scale commercial development, older single-family residential neighborhoods, and newer, larger-scale multifamily residential developments that serve the rapidly growing. South Florida Educational

Center (SFEC). The SFEC includes Nova

Southeastern University, Florida Atlantic University, Broward Community College, Florida International University, and Mc Fatter Vocational School, among others. The planning area also encompasses the downtown Davie Business District, where western-theme architecture is required, the Davie Town Hall and Rodeo Arena, two large mobile home communities recently annexed into the Town, and industrial land.

**Flexibility Zone:** The proposed plat is in Flexibility Zone 99.

Applicable Goals, Objectives & Policies: None

# **Staff Analysis**

On September 6, 1989, Town Council approved the University - Nova Plat reflecting a 12' utility easement running east and west through the center of Parcel "A" the subject plat. The applicant is now requesting the approval to vacate said utility easement in order to construct a commercial/retail building within Parcel "A".

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# **Findings of Fact**

The proposed request is not contrary to the Land Development Code or adopted Comprehensive Plan, as amended, or any element or portion thereof.

#### Staff Recommendation

**Recommendation:** Based upon the above and the positive findings of fact, staff recommends approval of application number VA 12-1-01.

# **Planning and Zoning Board**

The Planning and Zoning Board motion to recommend approval (Motion By: Ms. Moore, Seconded By: Vice-Chair Bender, 4-0, Mr. Waitkus absent) February 13, 2002 meeting.

# **Exhibits**

Ordinance, Planning Report, Justification Letter, Sketch and Description, Plat, Land Use

Map, Subject Site Map, and Aerial.	
Prepared By:	
Reviewed By:	



# ASSOCIATED ENGINEERS OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.

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DAVIE , FL. 33314

December 6, 2001

Town of Davie Planning & Zoning Div. 6591 S.W. 45th Street Davie, FL 33314

Ms. Geri Baluss Att:

Nova Plaza, Parcel "A" of University-Nova RE:

> Plat (P.B. 148, Pg. 23, B.C.R.) Vacating of 12 ft. Utility Easement

Our Project No. 01-109

#### Dear Geri:

This is written as our justification letter to our request to vacate an existing 12.00 ft. utility easement running east and west within Parcel "A" of the subject plat, approximately 31.00 feet south of the north property line of said Parcel "A", this easement is a duplication of another existing 12.00 ft, wide utility easement running east to west immediately adjacent to the north property line of said Parcel "A". We are told that the reason for the duplication was that the 12' utility easement immediately adjacent to the north property line was also within a previously existing 50 ft. wide canal easement, and at the time the plat was recorded, it was decided that in case a canal was ever excavated within the 50' canal casement, the 12' utility easement adjacent to the property line could not be used. At the present time the 50' canal easement has been vacated by the Central Broward Water Control Easement (see enclose letter), so in fact the 12' utility easement adjacent to the property line could be used, and there is no need for the duplication of that easement.

We have obtained letters from the utility companies operating in this area, stating that they have no objections to the granting of our request, copies of those letters are enclosed herewith.

We are also enclosing a copy of the sketch showing the location of the easement proposed to be vacated, including a legal description.

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As always, should you have any questions regarding the above or if you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely

ASSOCIATED ENGINEERS OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.

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Mr. Tom Thiebeaux, AIA

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